

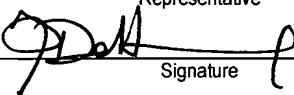


IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No.: 09/981,700
Applicant(s): Shinya MATSUDA, Takashi MATSUO, Kentaro IIDA and Kazuhiro SHIBATANI
For: METHOD FOR CONNECTING SPLIT IMAGES AND IMAGE SHOOTING APPARATUS
Confirmation No.: 7327
Customer No.: 24367
Docket No.: 15162/04130
Filed: October 17, 2001
Group Art Unit: 2612
Examiner: Jason T. Whipkey

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on
June 15, 2006
Date of Deposit
Michael J. DeHaemer
Name of Applicant, Assignee, or Registered Representative

Signature
June 15, 2006
Date of Signature

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby petition that the period for response to the Office Action, dated December 15, 2005, be extended for three months to June 15, 2006.

A response to the Office Action, dated December 15, 2006, is filed concurrently herewith.

06/20/2006 MBELETE1 00000007 181260 09981700
01 FC:1253 1020.00 DA

Application No. 09/981,700
Petition for Extension of Time dated June 15, 2006
Reply to Office Action of December 15, 2005

A Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization for the three month extension fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a) is submitted herewith. In the event that the Response Transmittal and Fee Authorization is not present, is not sufficient, or is not acceptable, please charge any fee (other than issue fee) required during the pendency of this U.S. patent application to Sidley Austin LLP's Deposit Account No. 18-1260.

Respectfully submitted,

By: 

Michael J. DeHaemer
Registration No. 39,164
Attorney for Applicants

MJD/bar
SIDLEY AUSTIN LLP
717 N. Harwood, Suite 3400
Dallas, Texas 75201
Direct: (214) 981-3335
Main: (214) 981-3300
Facsimile: (214) 981-3400
June 15, 2006